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No. 313.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

PIANOS

ARE GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [192]

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [81]

SCOTTISH UNION AND NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH & LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

CAPITAL.....\$6,000,000 STERLING.
INVESTED FUNDS.....\$3,000,000.
ANNUAL INCOME.....\$700,000.

The Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company and are prepared to GRANT FIRE INSURANCES at CURRENT RATES.

HESSE & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1883. [40]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LEE YAT LAU, Esq.
LO YEEK MOON, Esq. | CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [60]

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th.....Tls. 940,553.95
May, 1882.

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKNOSS, Esq. | W. MEYERINK, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARAY, Esq. | G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & CO.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Conduit, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not), in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 13th June, 1881.

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.
Agents.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [45]

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION
AGENT.
NO. 11, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [18]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's Station here.
C. A. SCHULTZ,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [183]

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOOD-
WILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P.
MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong
Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so
Liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.
J. P. MARMANDE.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [183]

NOTICE.

IN reference to the above the Undersigned
having desposed of his BUSINESS, takes
this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks
for the Liberal support he has received during
the time he has been in Business.
W. P. MOORE.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [192]

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY PURCHASED under a
Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT,
MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE and FIX-
TURES of the FIRM of DE SOUZA & CO.,
PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG; and beg to
intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under
the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship,
and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the
Patronage of the Hongkong public.
F. D. GUEDES.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [20]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day Resumed my Duties as
SECRETARY to the Company.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1883. [42]

NOTICE.

FOR SALE.
G. H. MUMM & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE.
QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
PINTS.....\$23 per Case.
Apply to
MELCHERS & CO.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [18]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS
AND
GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,
PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS,
PICKS.
AXES.

HATCHETS.

ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.

PATENT BIT- BRACES.

AGGER-BITS.

DRILLS.

GIMBLES.

SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS &

CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. POTT'S PATENT SADIRONS.

COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS USE.

DRILLING MACHINES.

BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM : BORING

TOOLS.

ANVILS.

VICES.

HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

GLASSCUTTERS.

SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES.

BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWS.

&c., &c., &

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES.

SCREW WRENCHES.

FLANE IRONS.

CHISELS.

HAMMERS.

PINCERS.

NIPPERS.

DIVIDERS.

RULES.

METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWs.

TUBE EXPANDERS.

OIL FEEDERS.

OIL-CANS.

SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES.

WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS.

DISTRESS SIGNALS.

HOLMES' PATENT SIGNAL LIGHTS.

FOGHORNS.

SIGNAL LAMPS.

LIFE BUOYS.

LIFE BELTS.

BOTTLE WASHING AND CORKING

MACHINES.

&c., &c., &c.

SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFERGER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER.

MARIENTHALER BEER.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN

CHAMPAGNE.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [16]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO. ARE SHOWING.

EX. RECENT ARRIVALS.

TINSELLLED GRENADINES.
LADIES CHEAP COSTUMES.
BROCADED SILKS.
MOIRE SILKS.
COLOURED SATINS.
PLUSH VELVETS.
COLOURED FLANNELS.
WHITE FLANNELS.
DIAPERS AND IRISH LINENS.
TORCHON LACES.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
SAYLE & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [69]

W. BREWER. PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES:

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Fire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Oleographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia Leather with small Ivory Memo Slates. Fancy Embossed Initial Note Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Inks. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Masks and Dominoes. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries, Gosnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Fior del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaisar-i-Hind Cigarettes, Duchess Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [58]

To be Let.

TO LET.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE DIRECTORS of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, ARE NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE OFFERS FROM SUITABLE PERSONS FOR A FIVE OR TEN YEARS LEASE OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL, AND FURNITURE COMPLETE.

Intimations.

IMPORTANT INTIMATION.

NOW READY.

[PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY.]

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST. A DIRECTORY FOR CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE PHILIPPINES, FOR THE YEAR 1883.

PRICE TWO DOLLARS.

The above work published at the Office of this Paper, contains a Directory for the Ports in the large portion of Asia comprised between Penang, in the Straits Settlements, and the Northern Chinese Ports, including Wladiwostock, Formosa; the Treaty Ports of China and Japan; the Philippine Islands; the British Colony of Hongkong; and the Portuguese Colony of Macao. The work will also contain the Principal Treaties between European countries and the United States and the countries East of the Straits, including the New Treaties between

RUSSIA AND CHINA,
BRAZIL AND CHINA,

AND

THE KOREAN TREATY; together with conditions of Trade, and the Port, Customs, Consular, and Harbour Regulations for the Ports of China and Japan; and a description of the Ports, with the latest Trade Statistics taken from the Reports of the Imperial Maritime Customs and other reliable sources.

The various Governments and Municipal Corporations have been applied to for information, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, and Professional and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter to ensure correctness, upon forms sent for that purpose. The Naval and Military portion has been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Head-quarters; in fact no pains has been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

In addition to the information enumerated above "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 contains a complete

INDEX TO THE ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG;

A SPECIAL LIST OF FOREIGNERS employed in Steamers making short voyages from Hongkong;

THE PRIVATE RESIDENCES of the Principal Government Officials, the Leading Merchants, the Foreign Consuls,

Professional Men, Justices of the Peace, &c.

A LADIES DIRECTORY FOR HONGKONG, AND

A Mass of interesting information on various subjects, culled from the most trustworthy sources.

SPECIAL FEATURE
IN THIS PUBLICATION IS A CHAPTER ON SPORT, dealing with almost every branch of sport including RACING, CRICKET, ATHLETICS, AQUATICS, &c., &c., &c.

THE WINNERS of all IMPORTANT RACES at HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW, and AMOY, with times, and other interesting particulars, carefully compiled from the most reliable sources make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST," a *vade mecum* for all classes of sportsmen.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" for 1883 is Printed on a superior quality of Paper with a NEW FOUNT OF TYPE, specially ordered for the work, from THE PATENT TYPE FOUNDING COMPANY, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, and bound in a fashion unsurpassed by any work of the kind ever published in the FAR EAST.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" will, in order that it may circulate extensively outside this Colony, be published at a POPULAR PRICE, and can be ordered at This Office for

TWO DOLLARS.

There is not space in the compass of an Ordinary Advertisement to detail all the information introduced into the work, but it may be fairly asserted that no such Directory has ever been published, either in Hongkong, or any other part of the East, at the Price.

THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" offers Special Advantages as an Advertising Medium. It will have an extensive circulation in all Ports between Singapore and Newchwang, and the scale of charges has been fixed at an exceptionally low rate. Terms can be learned on application.

Suggestions for the improvement of this work are respectfully solicited.

Orders for COPIES, and for ADVERTISEMENTS may be sent to the Agents at the various Ports; or to

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH
OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
PRIVATE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OFFANCY CHRISTMAS
GOODS,

COMPRISING—

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.

&c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS

AND

PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the column of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion of correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1883.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

The Stewards of the Hongkong Race Fund have reason to congratulate themselves on the entries for the race meeting of the present year. In point of number, as well as in the quality of the ponies entered, no such satisfactory results have ever previously been obtained in the history of our local racing. Although the programme issued by the Stewards was in many respects a thoroughly sportsman-like and attractive one, we have good reasons for attributing to other causes the extraordinary strides the love of our national pastime has made in the good graces of the community.

In comparing the entries of the present season with those of a year ago, the increase on this occasion is the more noteworthy as there is a great falling off in the subscription griffin races. For the Challenge Cup of 1882 we had the large entry of 65 ponies, which was considerably in excess of anything previously seen in Hongkong. However, even this powerful contingent looks small when compared with the 87 of the forthcoming anniversary—a number, we believe, which has never been equalled in any race in China. The Shanghai Stakes of last Spring secured 84, and in the Autumn '83 entries, these being, unless our recollection is at fault, the biggest entries ever known in Shanghai.

In glancing through the programme of the Hongkong Races of 1883 we note that the popular Wong-nai-chong Stakes has received 25 entries as compared with the 15 of a year ago, the old fashioned Ashley Cup also showing 25 candidates for Mr. Sasoon's handsome trophy as against 16 in 1882. The same large increase is noticeable in the Derby entry, the figures standing at 26 as against 15. The Royal Hawaiian Cup, which takes the place on the card occupied last season by the Inniskilling Cup, has received 24 entries as against 17; but the Valley Stakes shows a great falling off, 24 contributing to Shell's benefit whilst this year only 16 have cried content. This decrease easily accounted for, as fewer ponies were subscribed for; but, apart from that, it is likely enough that this interesting event will prove quite as exciting this year as it has ever done.

The Foochow Cup which in 1882 had only 13 stayers entered can now boast of 23 candidates for this coveted prize, whilst

the Canton Cup entry of 16 has been exactly doubled. The Weller Plate, substituted for the Victoria Plate in the present

exact number entered for the latter event; but on this occasion we shall certainly have a larger field, and an equally exciting race as when Airlie disposed of St. Rocco, Bavarian and Ranplan.

In the second day's events the noteworthy increases are in the Scurry Stakes, 31 to 16, the Exchange Plate 25 to 20, the Parsee Cup 30 to 20, the Professional Cup 32 to 17, and the Flyaway Plate 36 to 19. The German Cup shows a falling off—16 to 24, as does the Broker's Cup with 16 against 25. Mr. Paul's handsome gift, the Tajmahal Purse, substituted for the Town Plate, has secured 25 entrants as against 21.

The third day's increases are in the Challenge Cup 87 to 65; the Ladies' Purse 49 to 31, the Navy Plate 38 to 21, the Keechong Cup 24 to 21, the Garrison Cup 33 to 24 in last year's Stand Plate, and the Consolation 55 as against 38. The Cathay Cup has only 16 as against 25, and the Nil Desperandum the same number to Wild Sell's 24.

The entrance fees amount to the very respectable total of \$5,230, a sum which has never been approached on any previous occasion. To winners of races the Fund will have to refund \$4,255, leaving a very comfortable little profit of \$975, made out of the owners of race-ponies who are the real supporters of racing. The principle of making a profit out of owners is not one to be commended, and when it is considered that the subscriptions already total some \$1,400, its necessity is hardly apparent. The receipts from sale of tickets, rent of ground, public subsciptions, &c., should certainly exceed two thousand dollars; and as most of the cups are presented, arrangements of the character conspicuous in the conditions of the Garrison Cup are difficult to understand. In this particular event the prize is presented by the officers of the Garrison, and the Fund claims the entries, which total \$330, the owner of the winner or second pony not receiving a single cent of their own money. There would perhaps be less necessity for calling attention to these matters if one could see that the surplus funds were laid out in much needed improvements to the course, stands, &c. But as it is notorious that grumbling against the wretchedness of the track, and the miserable accommodation afforded by the present Grand Stand is almost universal, we have ventured to allude briefly to matters which to our way of thinking loudly call for reform.

AN unsuccessful candidate at a late election in Australia, accused, at the declaration of the poll, a certain individual of getting up a religious cry, and of splitting up the votes by bringing out a third candidate. The individual so named promptly called the beaten grumbler a "liar." Things looked healthy for a mill, but the innocence of the parties somehow or other died out. So, to console the so-called "liar," a few leading residents gave him a dinner and the usual course of back-scratching.

THE mention of Henry Erskine, says *Blackwood*, too often suggests the idea of the chartered jester of the Scottish Bar, and is the prelude to a number of good sayings, which with more or less justice have been ascribed to him. No doubt Henry Erskine was a professed wit; and his sallies had all the more effect that they were of a different nature from the somewhat coarse humor which was favored at the time both by Bench and Bar. Epigram and repartee had little place in the dry, caustic wit of the Parliament House, and Henry Erskine's smart sayings, which were probably modeled upon the school of Sheridan, had a novelty which must have been sometimes not a little perplexing. There is more to be said than it at first appears on behalf of the old judge who, after revolving in his mind one of Henry Erskine's "good things," would exclaim some four-and-twenty hours after, when he had caught the point, "I hae ye no, Hairy, man! I hae ye no!" Only the possession of talents of the highest order would have enabled Erskine to found a great legal reputation concurrently with his fame as a humorist. The more sedate spirits of the Parliament House must have looked upon him as having hay on his horn. In his earlier days he was the *enfant terrible* of the bar, and deported himself in a way that would have scarcely been tolerated in Westminster Hall. It was his special delight to tease Sir James Colquhoun of Liss, who was Principal Clerk of Session, and Sheriff of Dumfriesshire, and one of the oddest characters of the time. On one occasion, when Henry Erskine was in Court during the advising of an important case, he amused himself by making faces at Sir James, as he sat at the Clerk's table beneath the Judge. The victim was naturally much annoyed by this procedure, but bore it as long as he could. At last he could stand it no longer, and disturbed the gravity of the Court by rising and exclaiming:—"My Lord—my Lord—I wish you would speak to Henry; he's aye makin' faces at me."

Henry, however, was looking graver than the Judge. Quiet was restored and the advising went on; when Sir James, happening to cast his eyes toward the bar, was met by a new grimace from his tormentor, and once more convulsed both bar and audience by roaring out in his rage:—"See, my Lord! he's at it again."

THE following advertisement of a "jack of all trades" in the year 1788 is quite equal to some of the best efforts of the enterprising Yankees of the present day:—"Beards Taken Off, and Restored! By Isaac Fac-Totum, Barber, Periwig Surgeon, Parish Clerk, School Master, Blacksmith and Man midwife. Shaves for a penny, cuts hair for two pence, and oyle'd and powdered into the bargain. Young ladies gently Educated! Lamps lighted by the hear or Quarter. Young Gentlemen also taught there grammer langwage in the neatest manner, and great Keer taken of their morals and spelin! Also Sarme singing and horce shewing by the real Maker! Likewise makes and Mends all sorts of Butes and shoes, teches the Ho! boy and jew's harp, cuts coms, bledes and blisters. On the lowest terms! Glisters and purgs at a penny a peace. Cow-tillions and other dances taut at home and abroad. Also deals hoseables and retail. Piranery in all its brancis. Sells all sorts of stationary. Wair, too gether with blacking balls, Red herrins, ginger-bred and Coles, Scrubbin brushes, treycle, Mouse traps, And other sweetmeats. Likewise, Godfathers Cordal, Red Rutes, Tatoes, Sausages, and other garden Stuff. P. S.—I teaches Jig, gravity, and them outlandish kind of things. A bowl on Wensdays and Frydays. All performed (God willin!) By Mr. Isaac Fac-Totum. To be heard of at my warehouse, Number Twenty-seven St. John's Street, West Smithfield. Where you may be served with the best Tobacco by the Ream, quire, or single sheet. N. B.—Also, Likewise beware of coniurets! for such a

"HAVE you," asked the Judge of a recently convicted man, "anything to offer the Court before sentence is passed?" "No, your Honor," replied the prisoner, "my lawyer took my last penny."

WONG ACHONG and Chan Asuk, coolies, admitted stealing a quantity of copper nails from the Hungam Dock yesterday, and were sent, at the order of Mr. Wodehouse, to do a fortnight's penance for their fondness for copper.

OUR Australian contemporaries have a charming habit of speaking of public men which is surely beyond all praise. In referring to a certain Sydney P.M., the Mudgee Independent says:—"His form is robust and semi-corpulent, and his head is the shape of a midwinter toad when engaged in the pastime of swallowing a premature oyster-shell."

"I WOULD like to be excused, your Honor," said a Chicago man who had been drawn on the jury. "What for?" "I owe a man \$5, and I want to hunt him up and pay it." "Do you mean to say you would hunt up a man to pay a bill instead of waiting for him to hunt up you?" "Yes, your Honor." "Do you belong to Chicago?" "Yes, sir." "You are excused. I don't want any man on a jury who will lie like that."

CHUN AFUK, who in March of last year was provided by the Government with free board and lodging for the space of six months, for being in a house by night with the intention of plundering the same, again appeared in the pen this morning on a similar charge to what had previously obtained for him the half years' grub on the cheap. Mr. Wodehouse tendered Chun Afuk a trifle of good advice and passed him on to the higher tribunal.

AN unsuccessful candidate at a late election in Australia, accused, at the declaration of the poll, a certain individual of getting up a religious cry, and of splitting up the votes by bringing out a third candidate. The individual so named promptly called the beaten grumbler a "liar." Things looked healthy for a mill, but the innocence of the parties somehow or other died out. So, to console the so-called "liar," a few leading residents gave him a dinner and the usual course of back-scratching.

THE mention of Henry Erskine, says *Blackwood*, too often suggests the idea of the chartered jester of the Scottish Bar, and is the prelude to a number of good sayings, which with more or less justice have been ascribed to him. No doubt Henry Erskine was a professed wit; and his sallies had all the more effect that they were of a different nature from the somewhat coarse humor which was favored at the time both by Bench and Bar. Epigram and repartee had little place in the dry, caustic wit of the Parliament House, and Henry Erskine's smart sayings, which were probably modeled upon the school of Sheridan, had a novelty which must have been sometimes not a little perplexing. There is more to be said than it at first appears on behalf of the old judge who, after revolving in his mind one of Henry Erskine's "good things," would exclaim some four-and-twenty hours after, when he had caught the point, "I hae ye no, Hairy, man! I hae ye no!" Only the possession of talents of the highest order would have enabled Erskine to found a great legal reputation concurrently with his fame as a humorist. The more sedate spirits of the Parliament House must have looked upon him as having hay on his horn. In his earlier days he was the *enfant terrible* of the bar, and deported himself in a way that would have scarcely been tolerated in Westminster Hall. It was his special delight to tease Sir James Colquhoun of Liss, who was Principal Clerk of Session, and Sheriff of Dumfriesshire, and one of the oddest characters of the time. On one occasion, when Henry Erskine was in Court during the advising of an important case, he amused himself by making faces at Sir James, as he sat at the Clerk's table beneath the Judge. The victim was naturally much annoyed by this procedure, but bore it as long as he could. At last he could stand it no longer, and disturbed the gravity of the Court by rising and exclaiming:—"See, my Lord! he's at it again."

THE following advertisement of a "jack of all trades" in the year 1788 is quite equal to some of the best efforts of the enterprising Yankees of the present day:—"Beards Taken Off, and Restored! By Isaac Fac-Totum, Barber, Periwig Surgeon, Parish Clerk, School Master, Blacksmith and Man midwife. Shaves for a penny, cuts hair for two pence, and oyle'd and powdered into the bargain. Young ladies gently Educated! Lamps lighted by the hear or Quarter. Young Gentlemen also taught there grammer langwage in the neatest manner, and great Keer taken of their morals and spelin! Also Sarme singing and horce shewing by the real Maker! Likewise makes and Mends all sorts of Butes and shoes, teches the Ho! boy and jew's harp, cuts coms, bledes and blisters. On the lowest terms! Glisters and purgs at a penny a peace. Cow-tillions and other dances taut at home and abroad. Also deals hoseables and retail. Piranery in all its brancis. Sells all sorts of stationary. Wair, too gether with blacking balls, Red herrins, ginger-bred and Coles, Scrubbin brushes, treycle, Mouse traps, And other sweetmeats. Likewise, Godfathers Cordal, Red Rutes, Tatoes, Sausages, and other garden Stuff. P. S.—I teaches Jig, gravity, and them outlandish kind of things. A bowl on Wensdays and Frydays. All performed (God willin!) By Mr. Isaac Fac-Totum. To be heard of at my warehouse, Number Twenty-seven St. John's Street, West Smithfield. Where you may be served with the best Tobacco by the Ream, quire, or single sheet. N. B.—Also, Likewise beware of coniurets! for such a

"HAVE you," asked the Judge of a recently convicted man, "anything to offer the Court before sentence is passed?" "No, your Honor," replied the prisoner, "my lawyer took my last penny."

WONG ACHONG and Chan Asuk, coolies, admitted stealing a quantity of copper nails from the Hungam Dock yesterday, and were sent, at the order of Mr. Wodehouse, to do a fortnight's penance for their fondness for copper.

OUR Australian contemporaries have a charming habit of speaking of public men which is surely beyond all praise. In referring to a certain Sydney P.M., the Mudgee Independent says:—"His form is robust and semi-corpulent, and his head is the shape of a midwinter toad when engaged in the pastime of swallowing a premature oyster-shell."

The celebrated violinist Remenyi defines genius as "the power a man has to kindle his own fire." An American contemporary observes that if this definition may be accepted as correct, it is on a cold winter morning that a married man is most willing to acknowledge his lack of genius.

SCENE—a Police Court. Magistrate (to noisy lawyer who is laying down the law in that dictatorial style peculiar to a certain Colonial possession of the British Crown):—"For goodness' sake, don't bawl so loud. I declare you have injured the drums of my ears." Lawyer (gentleman by act of parliament) "Beg pardon yer worship; I didn't go to do it." Fact!

THE following lines by William Young in the *Atlantic*, entitled "Cleopatra after Actium" are worthy of reproduction:—

Crushed low, a fay; her veins run apart;
Under the sun's falshorn where Antony lay;
Lord over half the world but yesterday;
Her bloodless fingers twine above her heart;
Her tawny hair subverts her brows—a net;
Where no more shall souls be snared or slain;
Her cheek like pale bluemeet rain;
Her red lips like a noble's kiss;

And gray, wan eyes, forgoit of their light;

Left in some dream of palms and pyramids;

They say, it has, the hooded worm of the Nile.

AMOY.

We understand the new Hailang Kiong Sin Wan took over the seals of the Yamen on Sunday the 21st instant.

We learn from a *Swatow* correspondent that the German land dispute is in a fair way of being settled in favor of the German claimants. The Taotai and the Tcheng-hai Magistrate (the latter an obstructive of the first water) are having constant interviews with the German Consuls Messrs. Von Mollendorff and Schaar and the Chinese have, it is said, conceded everything, a result chiefly owing no doubt to the presence of that ugly factor in the problem—the German gun-boat *Uli*.

We learn that the woman who murdered her husband in such a brutal manner last month in Amoy, committed suicide by hanging herself on the 17th instant. It appears that on being remanded back to prison by the Senior Magistrate at Tung-wa (where she was being tried) pending the arrest of her paramour, she gave up all hopes of being acquitted, and, knowing what her doom would be, she tried to make away with herself on the strict watch placed on her. On the morning of the 17th she went to the W.C. and during the temporary absence of her warden, she tore up her clothing in strips and made one end fast to a beam that went across the W.C. made the other fast around her neck then jumped of the seat. When the warden returned, she was horrified to find her charge hanging, she quickly called for assistance and in the meantime cut the murderer down, but life was extinct. We learn that an inquiry will be held to find out if the warden was bribed to let her make away with herself, and so escape the terrible punishment of being flayed alive. *Gazette.*

MATRIMONIAL STORIES.

A recent fashionable wedding, after the departure of the happy pair, a dear little girl, whose papa and mamma were among the guests, asked, with a child's innocent inquisitiveness: "Why do they throw things at the pretty lady in the carriage?" "For luck, dear," replied one of the bridesmaids. "And why?" again asked the child. "doesn't she throw them back?" "Oh, no, it wouldn't," persisted the dear little thing, to the delight of her doting parents who stood by; "ma does."

"Do you pretend to have as good a judgment as I have?" said an enraged wife to her husband. "Well, no," be replied deliberately; "our choice of partners for life shows that my judgment is not to be compared with yours." In matters of controversy, however, the woman usually has the best of it. A witty old author advises men to avoid arguments with ladies, because in spinning yarns among silks and satins, a man is sure to be worsted and twisted; and when a man is worsted and twisted, he may consider himself wounded. The above retort might be matched by a dozen others culled from domestic controversy, in which the woman has come off triumphant. "Really, my dear," said a friend of ours to his better-half, "you have sadly disappointed me. I once considered you a level of a woman; but you've turned out only a bit of matrimonial paste." "Then, my love," was the reply, "confide yourself with the idea that paste is very adhesive, and in this case will stick to you as long as you live." "See here," said a fault-finding husband, "we must have things arranged in this house so that we shall know where everything is kept." "With all my heart," sweetly answered his wife, "and let us begin with your late hours, my love. I should dearly love to know where they are kept." He let things run on as usual; it was not often, however, that one comes across such a crushing retort as that which a Sheffield husband received from his wife the other day through the medium of the public press. He advertised in one of the local journals that he, Thomas A—, would no longer be answerable for the debts incurred by his wife, who seems to have been a truly amiable creature, if one may judge from the advertisement which she published next day in reply: "This is to notify that I, Elizabeth A—, am able to pay all my own debts now that I have got rid of Tommy."

Some husbands would be obliged to confess, if they told the plain, unvarnished truth, that when they led their wives to the altar their leadership came to an end. "Your future husband seems very exacting; he has been stipulating for all sorts of things," said a mother to her daughter, who was on the point of being married. "Never mind, mamma," said the affectionate girl, who was already dressed for the wedding, "these are his last wishes." This is a complete reversal of the rule laid down by the old couple:

Mad love will thy husband, wife, obey,

Wives out heart, thy husband, wife, obey,

In many instances, the state of the case is rather something like the following: "If I'm not home from the party to-night by ten o'clock," says the husband "to his better and bigger half," "don't wait for me." "That I won't," replies the lady, significantly; "I won't wait, but I'll come for you." He is home at ten o'clock precisely. *Chambers' Journal.*

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co's Register.)

Barometer—A. M. 29.96 P.M. 29.96

Temperature—F. 62.5° C. 16.5°

Humidity—F. 62.5° C. 16.5°

Wind—N. 10.5 m. 10.5 m.

Clouds—100% 100%

Wet bulb—62.5° C. 16.5°

Dew point—62.5° C. 16.5°

Relative humidity—100% 100%

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Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.

Banks are again slightly weaker, sellers offering to come to terms at 181 per cent. premium for the end of the month. A few transactions at 183 for February have been reported and a further supply of shares might be obtained on these conditions. A fair business in Docks has been put through at the reduced rate of 50 per cent. premium for the end of the month, the stock closing weak at quotation. Steamboats are on the market at 32 per cent. premium. Luzons have been negotiated to a considerable extent at 113 for January 31st, and also at 115 for March.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon further sales of Banks have been negotiated at 183 premium for the end of February. Docks have also changed hands at 50 premium for the end of the month, the stock leaving off with sellers at that rate. No other transactions have come under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—151 per cent. premium. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—141 per cent. premium nominal. Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers. China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,610 per share. North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share. Canton Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 135 per share, sellers. Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 890 per share. Chinese Insurance Company—\$130 per share, sellers. On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share. Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,140 per share, buyers. China Fire Insurance Company—\$322 per share, sellers. Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—50 per cent. premium, sales and sellers. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$12 per share premium, sellers. China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—130 per share, sellers. Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company—\$125 per share. Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—per share, sellers. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$195 per share, sellers. China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$113 per share, sellers. Hongkong Ice Company—\$165 per share, sellers. Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$66 per share. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 percent. prem. ex. int. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—21 percent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T.3/7
Bank Bills, on demand3/7
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight3/7
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight3/8
Credits, at 4 months' sight3/8
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight3/8 @ 3/8
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand4/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight4/7
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T.225
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T.225
ON SHANGAI.—
Bank, sight71
Private, 30 days' sight74

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWAper picul, 6530 (Allowance, Taels 64.)
OLD MALWAper picul, 8555 (Allowance, Taels 40.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 6542
NEW PATNA (second)per chest, 6535
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest6537
NEW PATNA (bottom)per chest, 8545
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest8535
NEW PERSIANper chest, 8335
OLD PERSIANper picul, 6320 (Allowance, Taels 32.)

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.	HONGKONG.		AMOY.		SHANGHAI.		MANILA.	
	On 12 M.	On 1 P.M.	On 12 M.	On 1 P.M.	On 12 M.	On 1 P.M.	On 12 M.	On 1 P.M.
Barometer.....	30.04	30.14	30.00	30.04	30.24	30.30	30.11	30.00
Thermometer attached.....	60.0	67.0	65.0	60.0	45.5	70.0	68.0	81.3
Direction of Wind.....	N	N	NE	N	NW	NW	SW	WSW
Force.....	3	1	2	4	2	3	2	3
Dry Thermometer.....	67.0	63.0	65.0	60.0	41.0	38.5	82.0	86.0
Wet Thermometer.....	64.0	62.0	59.0	58.0	40.0	37.5	71.0	78.0
Weather.....	clear	bc	bc	oc	or	or	b	b
Hour's Rain.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Quantity fallen.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

CASSANDRA, German steamer, 1,522, Wilding, 25th Jan.—Liverpool 7th December, and Singapore 18th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 26th Jan.—Taiwanfoo 22nd January, and Amoy 24th, General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

TELEMACHUS, British steamer, 1,241, H. Jones, 26th Jan.—Foochow 9th Jan., General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CARISBROOKE, British steamer, 960, M. G. Scott, 26th Jan.—Amoy, and Swatow 25th Jan., General.—Bun Hin & Co.

CHINA, German steamer, 649, H. Schoer, 26th January.—Swatow 25th January, General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

VOLGA, French steamer, 1,049, de Temple, 26th Jan.—Yokohama 20th Jan., General.—Messageries Maritimes.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Anna Bertha, German bark, for Takao. Fu-yeu, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

January 26, Sumatra, British steamer, for Nagasaki, &c. Zambesi, British steamer, for Straits and Bombay. Fu-yeu, Chinese str., for Shanghai. January 26, Vorsetzen, German steamer, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Albany, str., from Taiwanfoo, &c.—Mr. Chamberlain, and 6 Chinese. Per Agamemnon, str., from Liverpool, &c.—Messrs. Woodford and Emile Sarot, and 403 Chinese. Per Telenachus, str., from Foochow.—Captain Andrews, Mrs. Santos, 1 European on deck, and 7 Chinese. Per Volga, str., from Yokohama.—Mrs. Reitz, 4 children, and servant, Miss Balounova, Messrs. Ed. Zappe, Remy, Martin Burchard, Raymond de Dalmas, Hagakawa Yosoi, and Kigashiyas Tsouo.

DEPARTED.

Per Fu-yeu, str., for Shanghai.—50 Chinese. Per Vorsetzen, str., for Saigon.—200 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Agamemnon* reports left Liverpool on the 7th December, and Singapore on the 18th instant. Had fresh monsoon with heavy sea to Padaran; thence had light N.E. winds and fine weather to port. The British steamship *Albay* reports left Taiwanfoo on the 22nd instant, and Amoy on the 24th. From Taiwanfoo to Amoy had moderate N.E. breeze and foggy weather. From Amoy to Lamock had moderate N. Easterly breeze and thick foggy weather, and from thence to port had moderate variable breeze and fine weather. In Amoy the steamships *Swatow*, *Albay*, *H.M.S. Foxhound*, and German frigate *Stosz*.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

8, Shanghai, British steamer, from Hankow. 9, Annie M. Bur, Amer. sch., from Sydney. 9, Sheldrake, British gunboat, from Ningpo. 9, Blackadder, British bark, from Sydney. 9, Pecking, British steamer, from Hongkong. 10, Kiang-foo, Chinese steamer, from Hankow. 10, Fooskang, British steamer, from H'kong. 10, Woosung, British steamer, from Glasgow. 11, Hiroshima Maru, Japan, str., from Japan. 11, Chihaya Maru, Japan, bark, from Knotzu. 11, Pekin, British steamer, from Hankow. 12, Venchow, British steamer, from Amoy. 12, Tobique, British ship, from New York. 12, Hua-shin, Chinese steamer, from F'chow. 12, Taiwo, British steamer, from Hankow. 12, Earl of Elgin, Brit. bark, from Puget Sound. 12, Zephyr, British gunboat, from Chefoo. 13, Kiang-teen, Chinese str., from Ningpo. 13, Hae-an, Chinese steamer, from Chefoo. 14, Hae-yung, Chinese str., from Hankow. 14, Ichang, British steamer, from Ningpo. 14, Gervase, British steamer, from Nagasaki. 14, Telmachus, British str., from Liverpool. 14, Radnorshire, British str., from Nagasaki. 14, Chinkiang, British str., from Hongkong. 14, Fat-choy, British steamer, from Chinkiang. 15, Seewo, British steamer, from Swatow. 15, Fu-yeu, Chinese steamer, from Hongkong. 15, Kumakasa Maru, Japan, str., from Knotzu. 15, Guiding Star, Brit. bark, from Nagasaki. 15, Sherard Osborne, Brit. str., from Singapore.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

CASSANDRA, German steamer, 923, J. Wagner, 21st Jan.—Nagasaki 16th January, Coal—Siemens & Co.

CHINKIANG, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, 25th Jan.—Canton 24th Jan., General.—Siemens & Co.

CRUSADES, British steamer, 647, T. Rowin, 13th November.—Saigon 7th November, Rice—Chong Wo Cheang—Kowloon Dock.

DALE, British steamer, 644, E. Allison, 26th Jan.—Bangkok 15th December, Rice and General.—Yue Fat Hong.

EL DORADO, British steamer, 889, W. O. M. Young, 24th Jan.—Bangkok 16th January, Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PRINTEMPS, French bark, 277, Galland, 16th Jan.—Keeling 13th January, Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NONPAREIL, British bark, 399, E. Finlayson, 9th November.—Newchwang 30th Oct., Beans—Chong Wo—Kowloon Dock.

OSPREY, British bark, 269, W. Hall Albany, 14th Jan.—Albany 11th October, Sandalwood—Gilmour & Co.

WHEAT, screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Erington, Hongkong.

Audacious, double-screw iron frigate, Captain R. E. Tracey, Hongkong.

Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Russell S. C. Pasley, Singapore.

Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Hippolyte, Shanghai.

Curacao, corvette, 14 guns, Captain S. Long, Yokohama.

Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. Elliott, Hongkong.

Encounter, steam corvette, 14 guns, Captain G. Robinson, Hongkong.

Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

Flying-Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander Geo. A. Freeman, October 9th—Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th August, Coal—Order. Cosmopolitan Dock.

SCHWAN, German brig, 276, J. Schroder, 7th Jan.—Chefoo 27th Dec., General—Siemens & Co.

SMUEL D. CARLETON, American bark, 884, Geo. A. Freeman, October 9th—Newcastle, N.S.W., 10th August, Coal—Order. Cosmopolitan Dock.

STICA, German bark, 915, B. Hallmann, 13th Jan.—Cardiff 1st September, Coal—Matheson & Co.

SWAN, German brig, 276, J. Schroder, 7th Jan.—Chefoo 27th Dec., General—Siemens & Co.

WESER, German bark, 916, H. Hellmers, 13th Jan.—Cardiff 9th September, Coal—Order.

WHEAT, screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

Mooren, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander J. H. Corfe Yokohama.

Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander E. F. Day, Hongkong.

Sheldrake, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander M. Bridger, Shanghai.

Swift, double-screw gunboat, 5 guns, Commander J. Collins, Hongkong.

Tweed, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

V. Emmanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Commander V. Emmanuel, en route Hongkong.

Vigilant, paddle despatch-boat, 2 guns, Lieut.-Commander C. Lindsay, Hongkong.

Wivern, turret-ship, 4 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

Zephyr, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Pollard, Shanghai.

WHEAT, screw gunboat, 3 guns, In reserve, Hongkong.

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